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SUBJECT: MORI S. KABA: GUINEAN PROCUREMENT AGENT

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON BACKGROUND AND/OR ACTIVITIES OF MORI S. KABA, PROFESSED PROCUREMENT AGENT FOR GOG. KABA CLAIMS TO BE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF SEKOU TOURE AND CLOSE RELATIVE OF GUINEA'S NEW MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY.

2. LOCAL EXPATRIATE BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE EASE WITH WHICH HE TRAVELS BACK AND FORTH TO CONAKRY, AND HIS ACCESS TO HARD CURRENCY (E.G., HE PAID CASH FOR SOME 6,000 YARDS OF UNIFORM MATERIAL HE BOUGHT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO). MAGNITUDE AND NATURE OF HIS MOST RECENT INQUIRIES HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS BONA FIDES.

3. DURING VISIT OF BRITISH HEAVY EQUIPMENT COMPANY MANAGER TO CONAKRY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, HE WAS ASKED BY KABA IF HE COULD OBTAIN SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICES ON TANKS FOR GOG, AS IT INTERESTED IN PURCHASE OF 50. LAST WEEK HE APPROACHED CATERPILLAR AGENT AND ASKED
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